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GET ALONG GANG™

Welcome
to
Green
Meadow!



All Aboard!



HI GANG!

Brrr! Those March winds have certainly been whistling round my antlers this week! At this time of year I prefer to stay indoors and read a good book, after the latest *Get Along Gang* comic of course! On page 16 and 17 you'll find something to make your reading easier - a great idea which was sent in to us by a reader - thank you! Well, there are ghosts and dragons in this week's comic as well as all our regular friends and features, so read on - the fun starts here!

Montgomery



The Dragon's Tale is on page 8!

NEXT WEEK:

GANG PROJECT

THUMBS DOWN!

Do you take your thumbs for granted? To find out just how useful they are try this: Take a piece of sticky tape and tape your thumb to your first finger. Do this to your right hand if you are right-handed and to your left if you are left-handed. Now carry on as if nothing had happened. Every time you find something difficult to do write it down. You'll be surprised at how long the list grows! Thank goodness for thumbs!



Lots of Easter gifts to make!



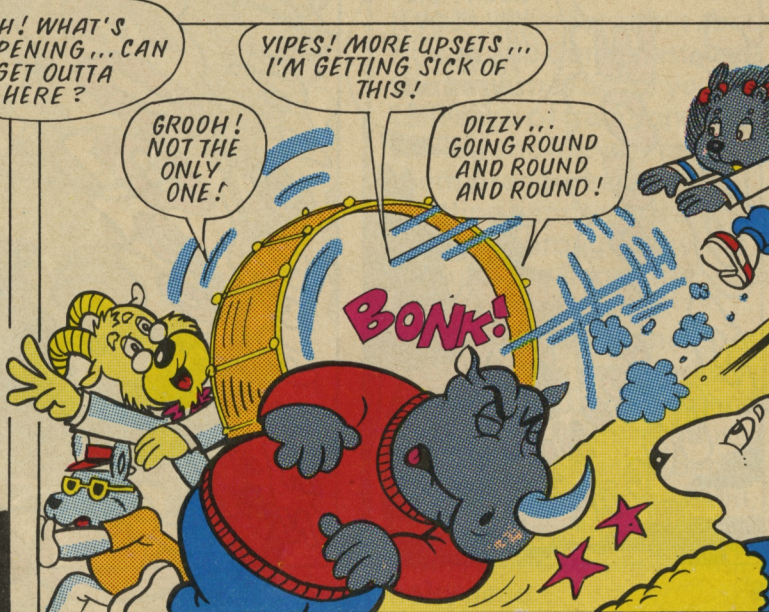
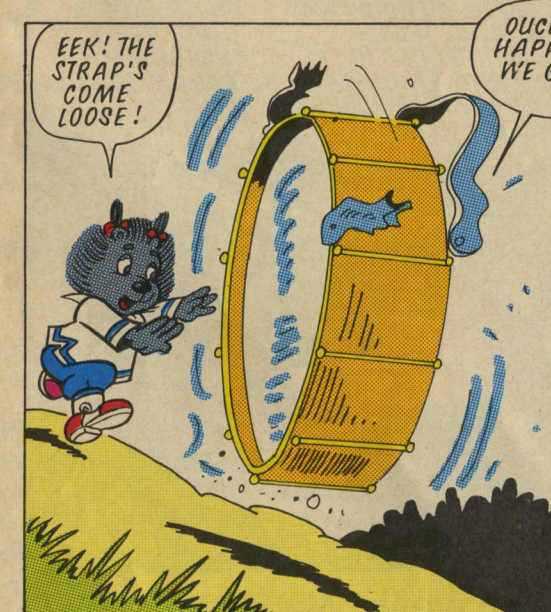
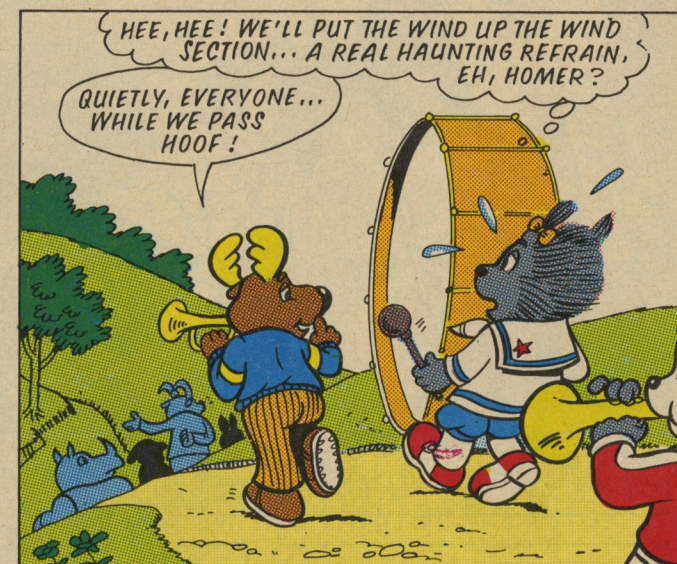
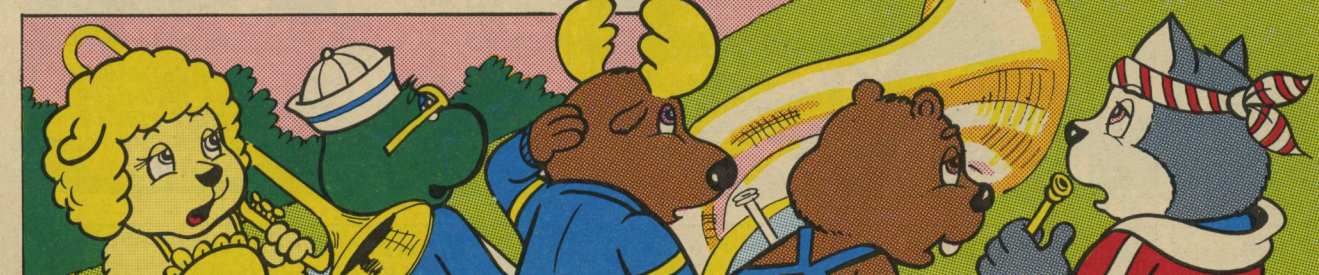
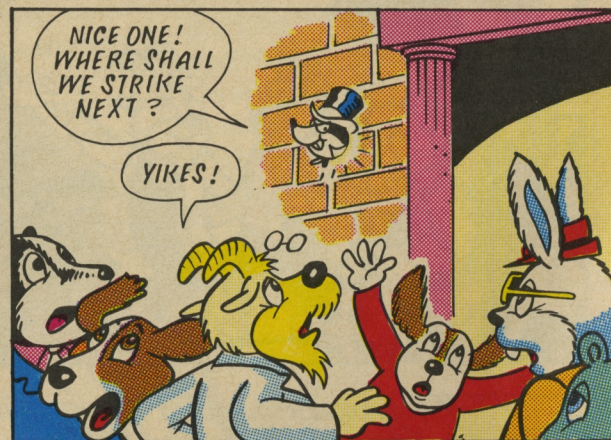
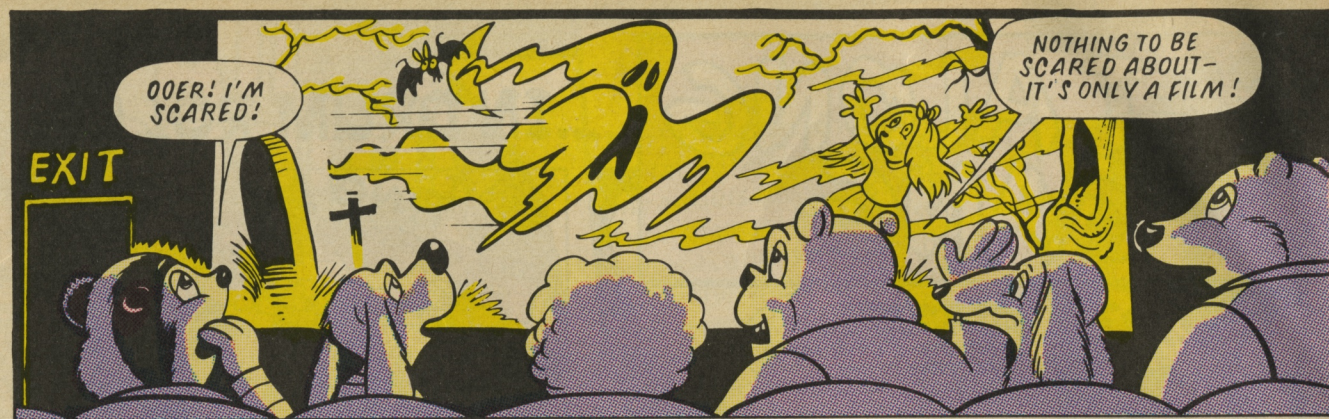
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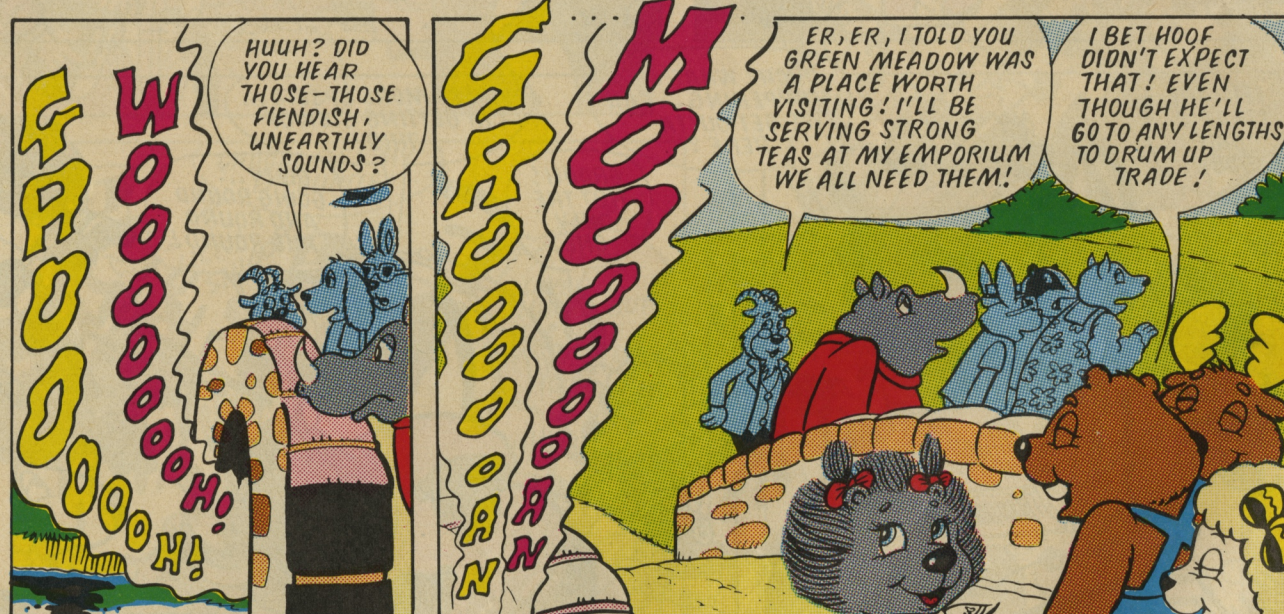
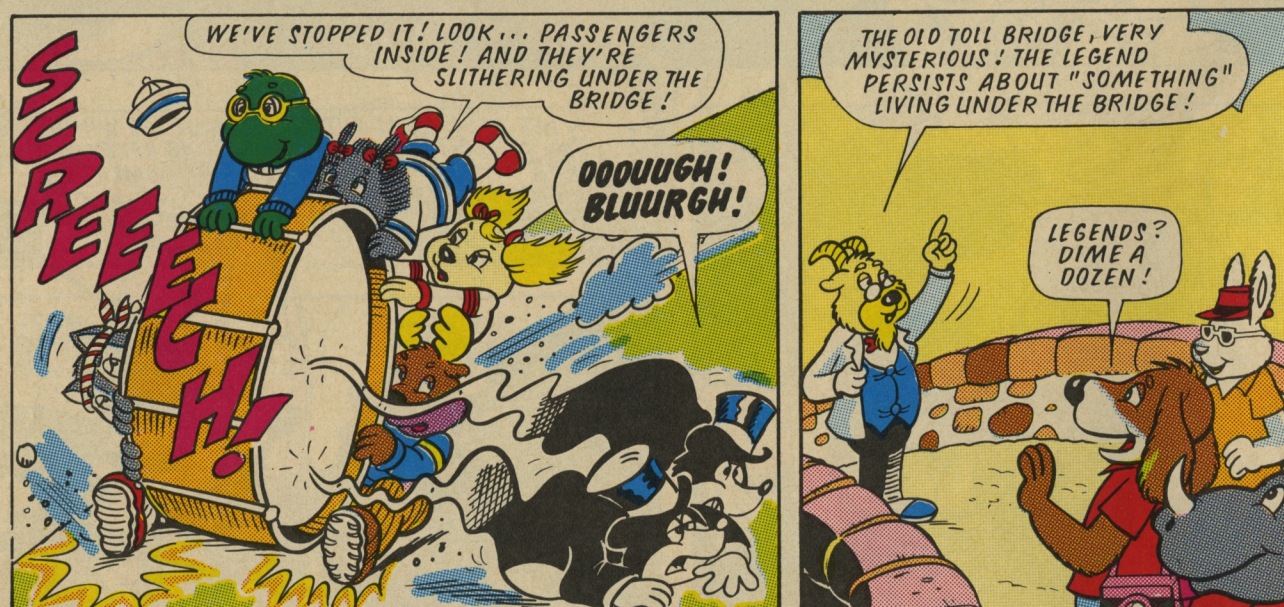
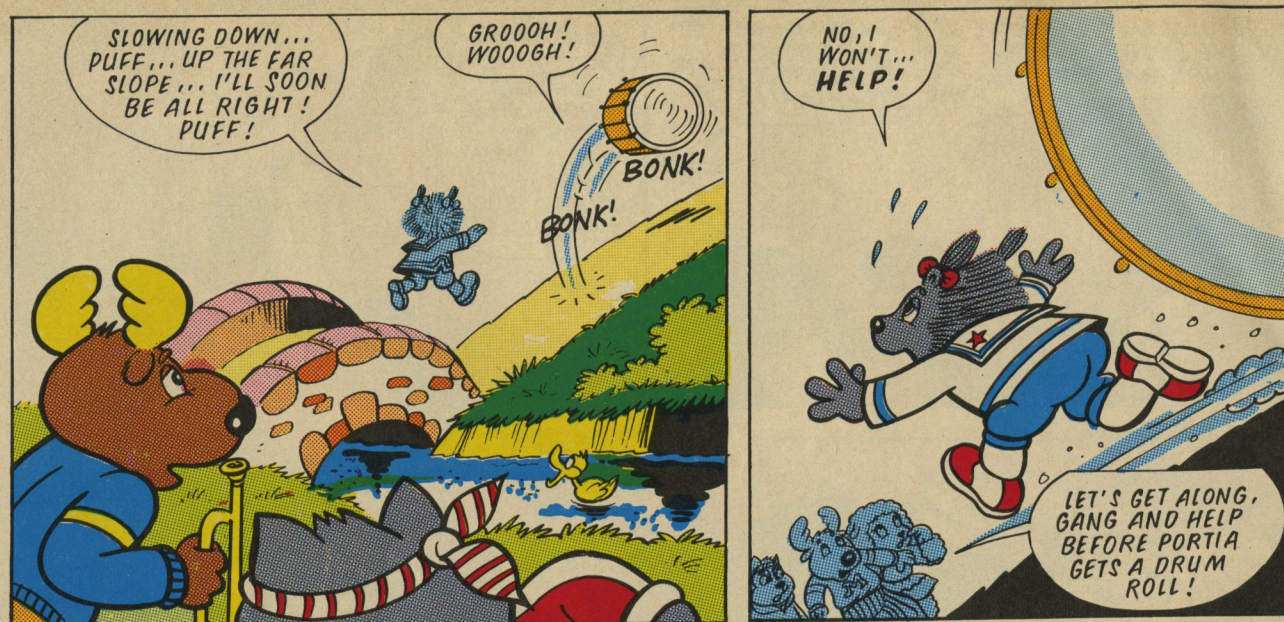
...IN DRUM ROLL!



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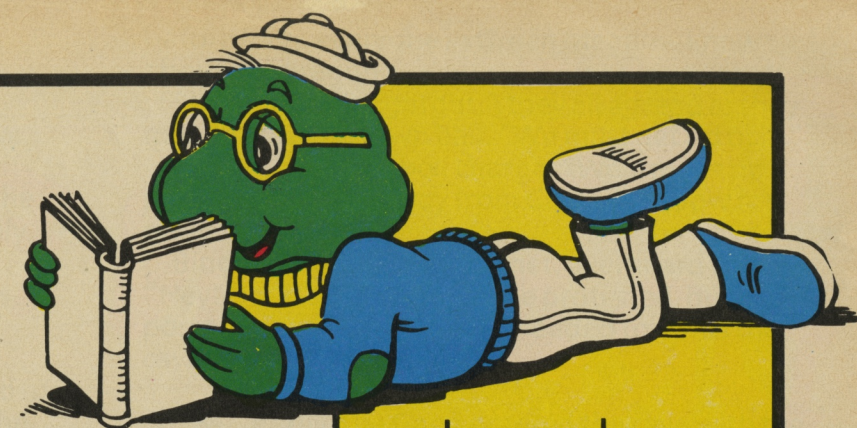




Next week: Watch the birdie!

The meaning of names!

AS EASY AS ABC



Pamela Honey. This name was invented 400 years ago by a famous poet called Sir Philip Sydney.

Polly This name developed from the two older names, Margaret and Mary.

Portia From the Latin word for pig! But we think it's a very pretty name.

Patricia The girl form of Patrick. It was first used in Scotland. One of Queen Victoria's grand-daughters was called Patricia.

Patrick A noble person. Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Also Paddy.

Paul A very old and popular name for boys. It means *small*. Many great men have been Pauls. Also Pablo.

Paula The girl form of Paul. It was very popular in Roman times.

Penelope Weaver, silent worker. Also Penny.

Percival This name was invented 800 years ago by a French writer.

Peter Rock. There have been countless saints, kings and other leaders with this name. Also Perry, Piers, Rocky.

Philippa This name means *someone who loves horses*, although you don't have to, just because you have this name!

Philip The boy form of Philippa. It has always been popular in France and Spain as well as in this country. Prince Philip is our Queen's husband. Also Pip.

book choice

Susan Price GHOSTS AT LARGE



Ghosts at Large by Susan Price. Published by Puffin Books. Price £1.25.

If you enjoyed reading about Homer and Gomer last week, this book may be for you! It's a collection of traditional ghost stories, and in every one of them strange, eerie and startling happenings are afoot! In through the walls, up through the floors, there burst bagaboos, gringes, clabbernappers, bonelesses, ghouls, brugs and shocks! A brave soldier dares to spend a night in the haunted house over the Hell-crack, a pedlar makes a deal with the Devil, and St Peter visits the Underworld to quieten the noisy dead...

Pp names



Cut out and collect!

THE DRAGON FAMILY!

By John Gatehouse



8 "A d-dragon in Green Meadow," gasped Woolma. "What are we going to do?"

"Fancy exploring a rotten old cave. It's boring!" Bingo's complaint echoed around the Gang's heads as they wandered along the dark passageway of a cave just outside Green Meadow.

"Stop grumbling. It's better than sitting in the Caboose doing nothing," Zipper said cheerfully. "And this cave is only small, otherwise we wouldn't be allowed to explore it alone. So it's quite safe."

BUMP!

Zipper walked into something solid and cold to the touch and **BUMP! BUMP! BUMP! BUMP!** the others walked into him. "Watch out!" he snorted. "I can't go any further. This wall's in the way."

Rocco consulted his maps. "There isn't supposed to be a wall here."

"What's this then? My imagination?" Zipper slapped the wall hard.

"**RRROOOOOOWWWRR!**" came a deafening cry.

"**GULP!** Is someone suffering from indigestion?" Flora asked nervously. But the others, too scared to speak, only shook their heads.

"**RRROOOOOOWWWRR!**" came the cry again and the wall moved. The Gang found themselves face to face with a monstrous, green-scaled, winged dragon!

"**YAAAAAAAHHH!**" they screamed and dashed for the cave entrance.

Once outside they stopped to catch their breath. "A d-dragon in Green Meadow," gasped Woolma. "What are we going to do?"

"I know what I'm going to do," Bingo grinned, his confidence returning in the daylight. "Capture it! I'll be **RICH!**"

"Hang about," Rudyard called after him as Ringo took off. "The dragon isn't hurting us. If we leave it in peace no one will know it's there."

Bingo wasn't listening. Bernice was sure she could see pound signs flashing like beacons in the beaver's eyes. "Yeah, how would you like to be taken away from your home and locked in a cage? It's cruel!"

"**RICH! I'LL BE RICH!**" he cackled, hurrying away to find a net big enough.

"Bingo's money-mad!" sighed Rocco. "But maybe if we move the dragon he wouldn't be able to capture it."

"I wonder what dragons really eat?" mused Zipper after the Gang had filled a box full of fruit from their rucksacks to tempt the dragon to follow them.

"N-not f-foxes, I hope!" Flora quailed. "I w-wouldn't taste nice at all!"

Bingo's big mouth had done it again. He was too excited to keep the news to himself. He told Mr Hoofnagel as he passed his shop. Mr Hoofnagel told Mr Bullwhip the ironmonger and

before long, everyone in Green Meadow knew about the dragon.

"It could be dangerous," they all agreed as they met outside the town hall. "We must get rid of it." Officer Growler took charge. "We'll make up a posse and scare it away from Green Meadow for good."

Bingo, returning with his net, overheard this. "Hey! No! It's my dragon!" he protested, but the posse pushed him aside and headed towards the cave.

Warily, the Gang entered the cave with the box of fruit. "N-Nice d-dragon! Din-dins!" Rocco called, half hoping the dragon wouldn't appear. But it did and, as its long neck rose above them, it seemed even bigger than before. Lowering its head the dragon opened its mouth and swallowed the box of food in one gulp.

"Huh! Greediguts! You're worse than Bingo!" Zipper grinned, warming to the dragon. Then his face turned white with fright as the dragon opened its mouth and reached down towards him! "Yipes! Don't eat me too!"

SLUURRRRRP! The dragon gave Zipper a giant-sized lick. "Aw, he likes you!" Flora giggled.

As the dragon moved around the cave, the Gang saw a large nest made of twigs. Inside the nest were six baby dragons, each no bigger than the Gang themselves. "Ahhh! It's a mummy dragon," Bernice cooed.

"Hey, Gang!" Bingo called from the cave entrance. "We've got problems." He quickly explained about the posse.

"I thought you wanted the dragon captured?" Woolma sniffed huffily.

"Well, the Gang should stick together," Bingo said, not explaining why he had really changed his mind.

Just then there was a cry outside. The posse had been sneaking up on the dragon when suddenly Officer Growler had fallen and injured his leg.

"He can't walk," Mr Hoofnagel told the Gang. "And he's too heavy for us to carry."

The Gang returned to the cave and the posse were amazed to see them emerge a little later leading the dragon by her wings. "Mrs Dragon has agreed to help," Woolma explained to the frightened grown-ups. "In return for you leaving her alone."

The posse lifted Officer Growler onto the dragon's back and the Gang climbed on to keep him from falling off. "Dr Quacker's surgery," Zipper told the dragon. With a beat of her mighty wings the dragon took to the air with the Gang chuckling merrily as they enjoyed the ride.

Later, the Gang flew with the dragon back to the cave.

"Everyone thinks you're a heroine," Flora smiled, patting the dragon. "Now we've got to go. Our mums will wonder where we've got to."

"Yeah," laughed Bingo. "They can be right dragons! Ha! Ha!"



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ASSORTED CHARACTERS

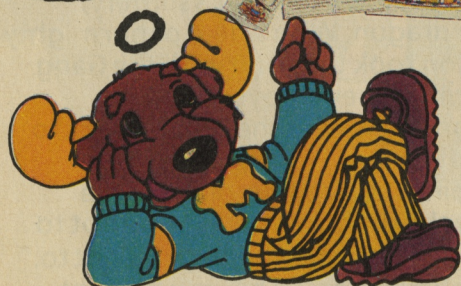


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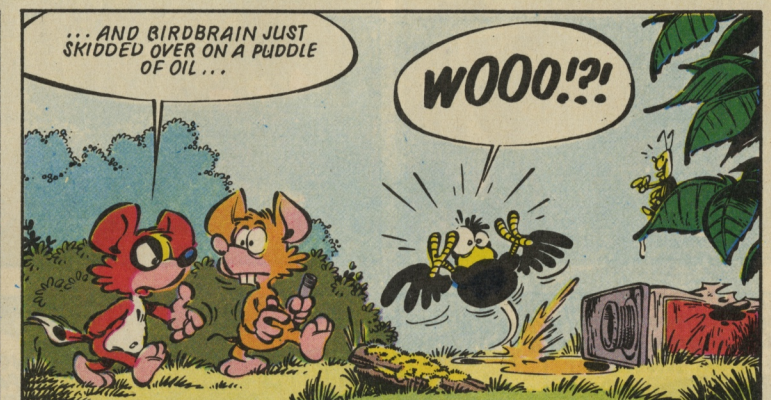
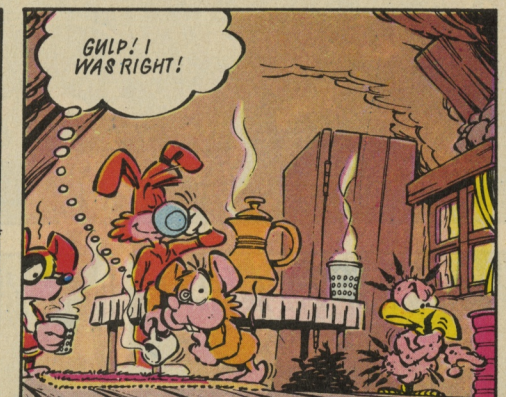
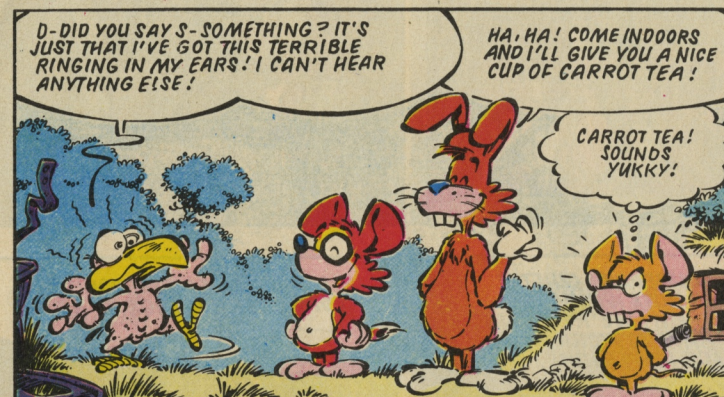
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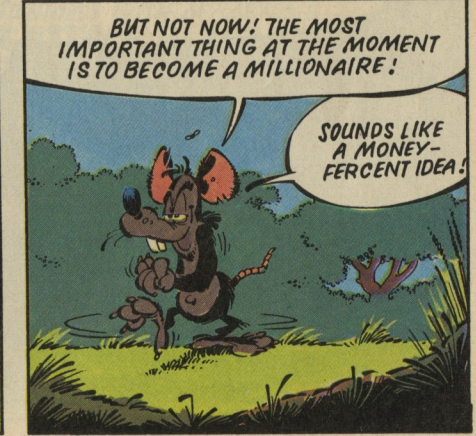
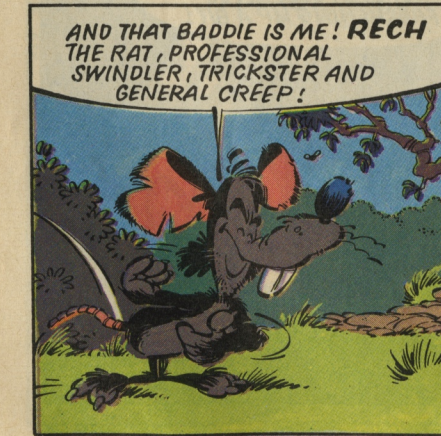
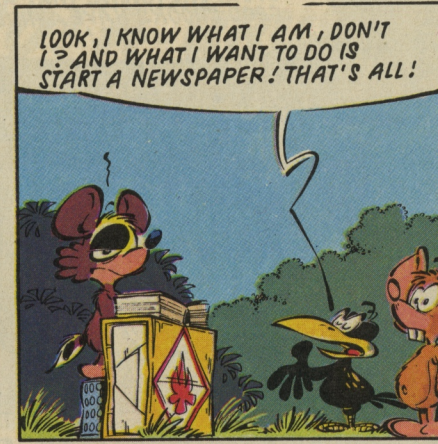
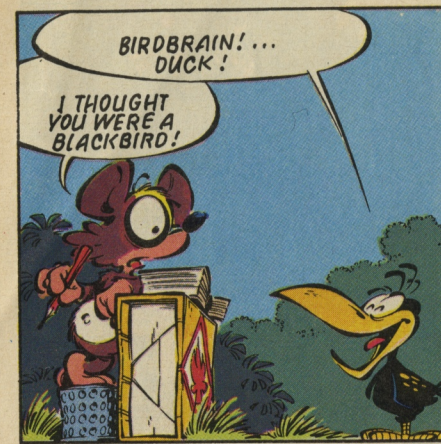
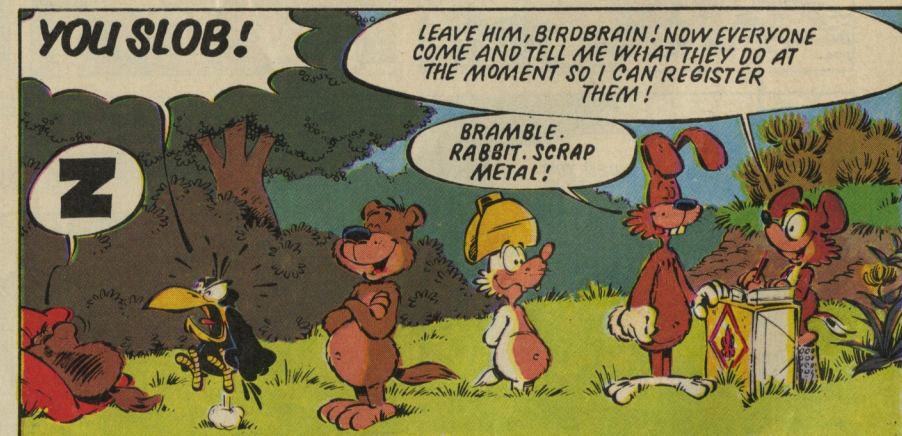
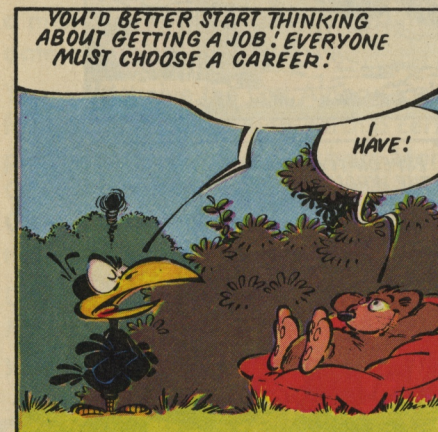
The hilarious adventures of two little field-mice and their country friends!

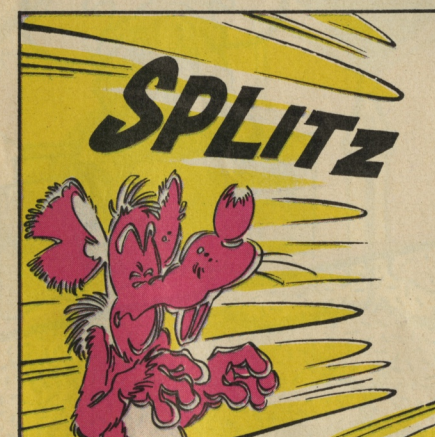
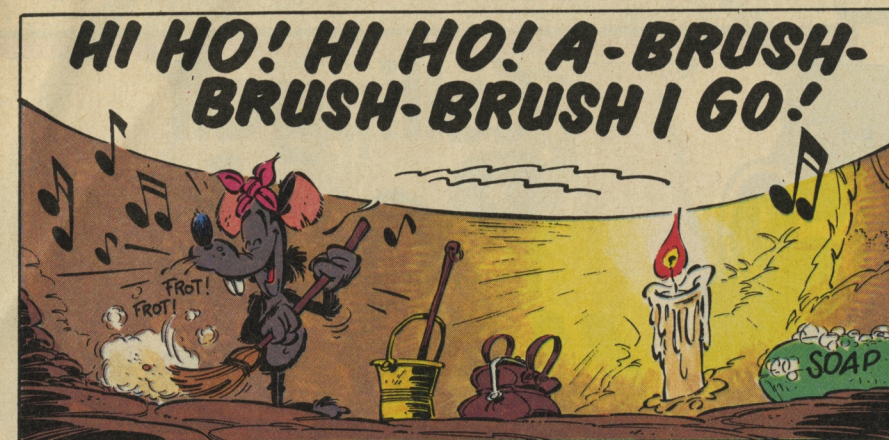
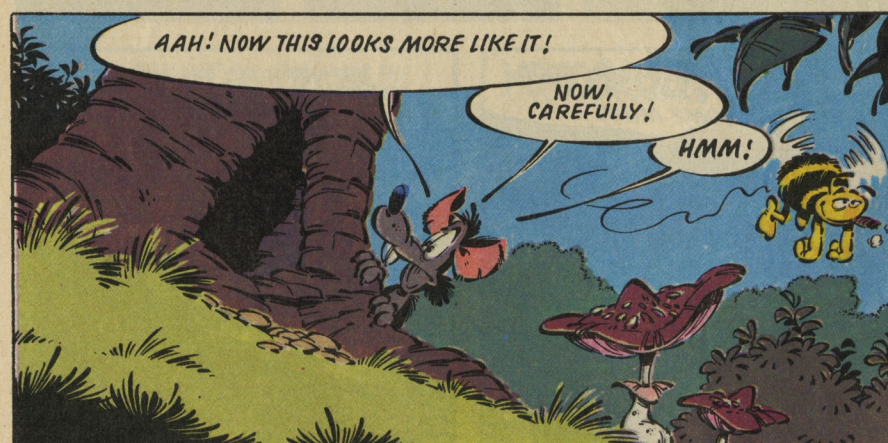
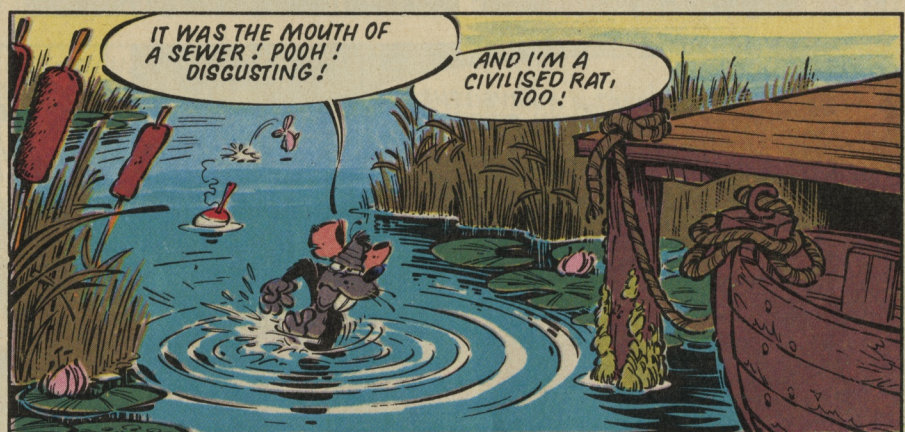
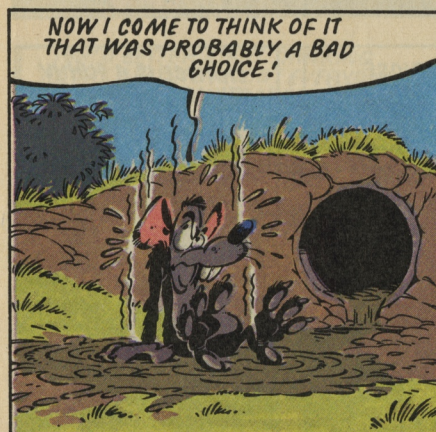
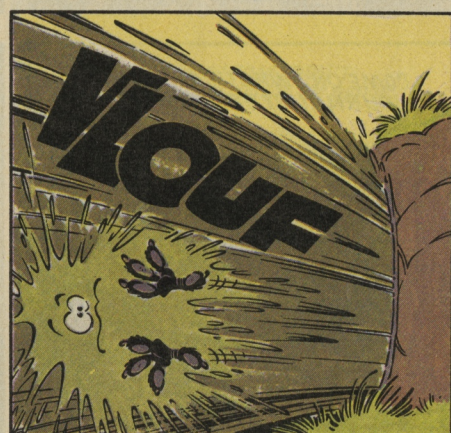
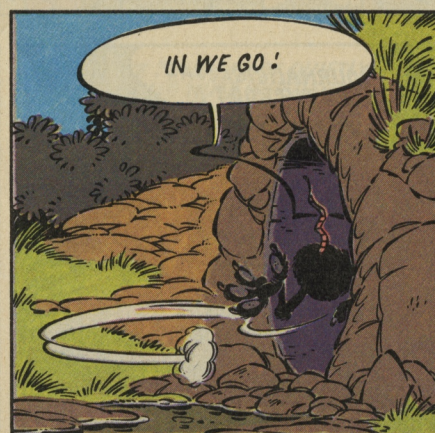
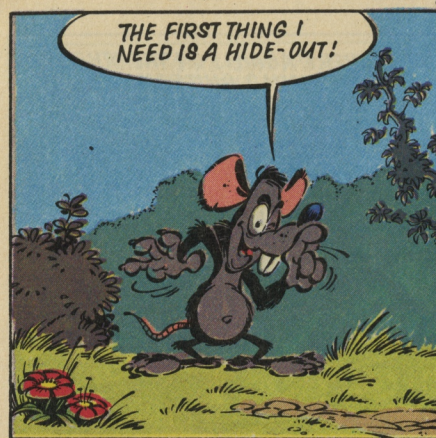
CLORO AND DIGBY

Looking for some hose in a junkyard, Birdbrain has been startled by an old alarm clock!



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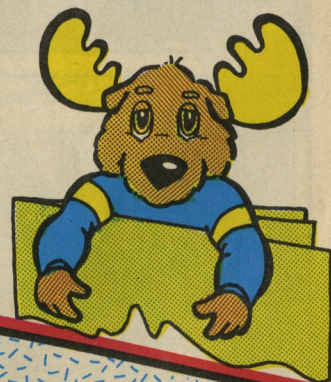
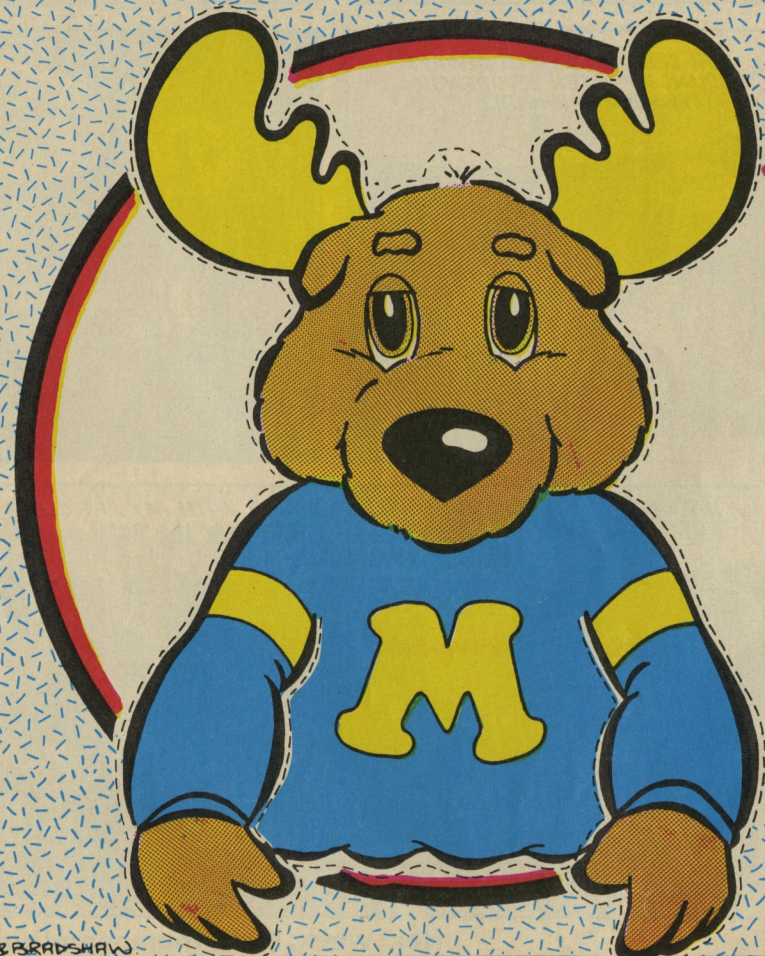






Calling all Book Worms!

Make your own set of Get Along Gang bookmarks! Remove this page and stick it on to a piece of thin card. Carefully cut out all the characters, along the dotted lines. Take extra care with the slots in each one. Now you can slide your bookmarks on to the page of your book to show you where you've got up to!



IN THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING CROWN PART 2

ROYAL ROY

PICKING UP THE SCENT

THE HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS CROWN HAS VANISHED! I WANT A COMPLETE SEARCH MADE OF THE PALACE!

YES, YOUR MAJESTY!

POOR DAD! HE'S THE FIRST KING IN CASHELOT'S HISTORY TO LOSE THE HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS CROWN!

DUKE OF EARL, SEARCH THE RIGHT WING...EARL OF DUKE, SEARCH THE LEFT WING! ANY QUESTIONS?

JUST ONE, YOUR MAJESTY!

AM I THE EARL OF DUKE OR THE DUKE OF EARL?

SIGH-H!

DON'T WORRY, ROY! YOU SHALL HAVE YOUR CROWN!

I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT, DAD! I'M JUST SAD TO SEE YOU SO UNHAPPY!

HER HIGHNESS, THE DUCHESS OF MUCHESS!

MY SISTER!

AUNT MUCHESS!

HI, BOYS! WHAT'S ALL THIS FUSS OVER A SILLY CROWN?

UH... WELL...

I HAVE HUNDREDS OF CROWNS! BRING 'EM IN, BOYS!

TAKE YOUR PICK, BROTHER!

CRASH!

UH, THANKS, MUCHESS, BUT I'M AFRAID NONE OF THESE WILL DO!

WE MUST HAVE THE SAME CROWN EVERY HEIR TO THE THRONE HAS RECEIVED FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS!

YOU ALWAYS WERE AN OLD-FASHIONED BOY!

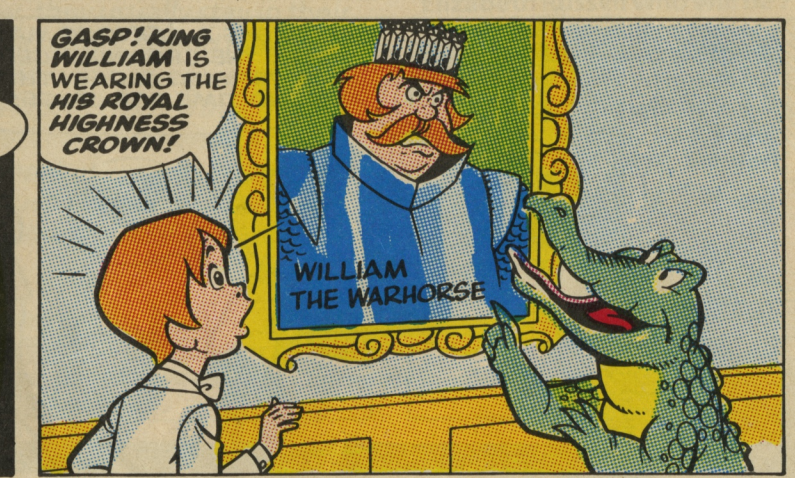
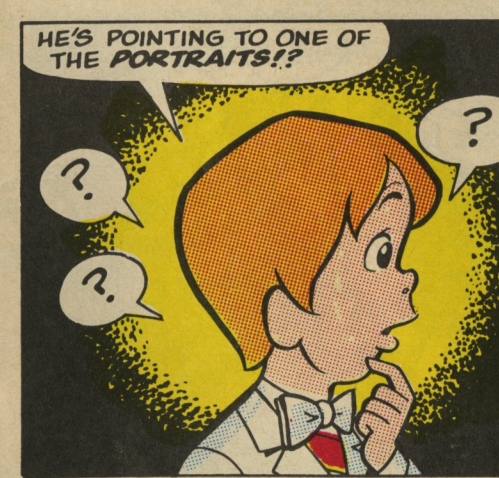
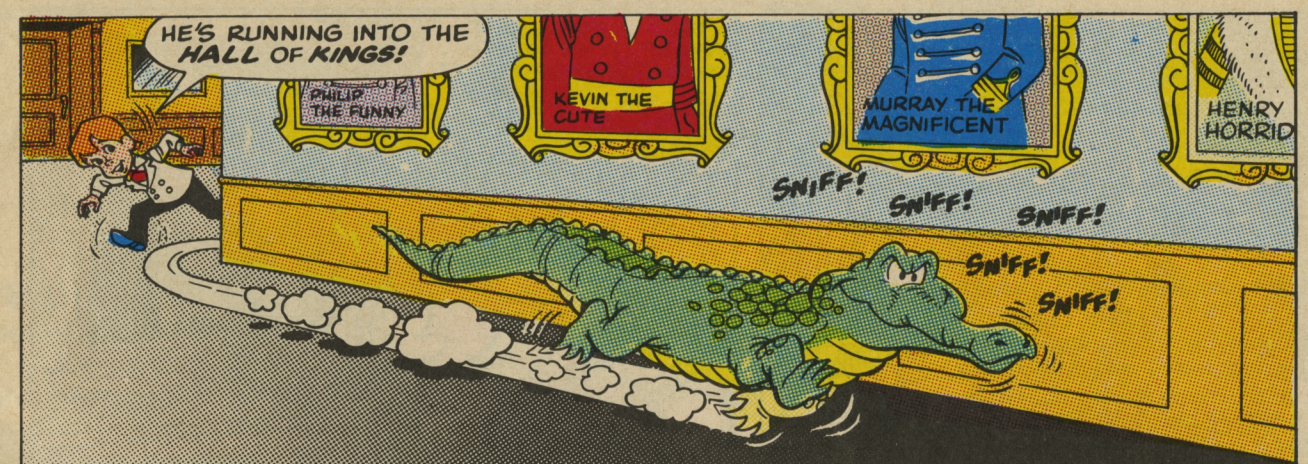
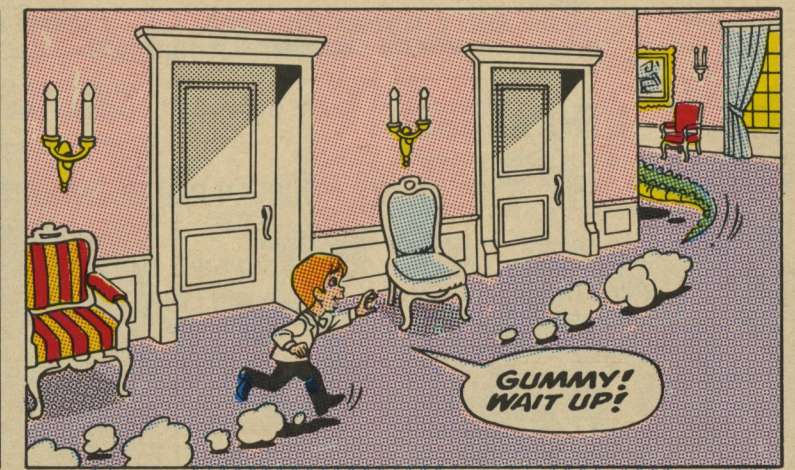
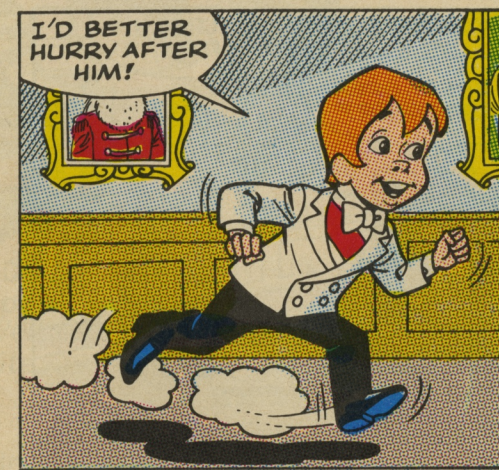
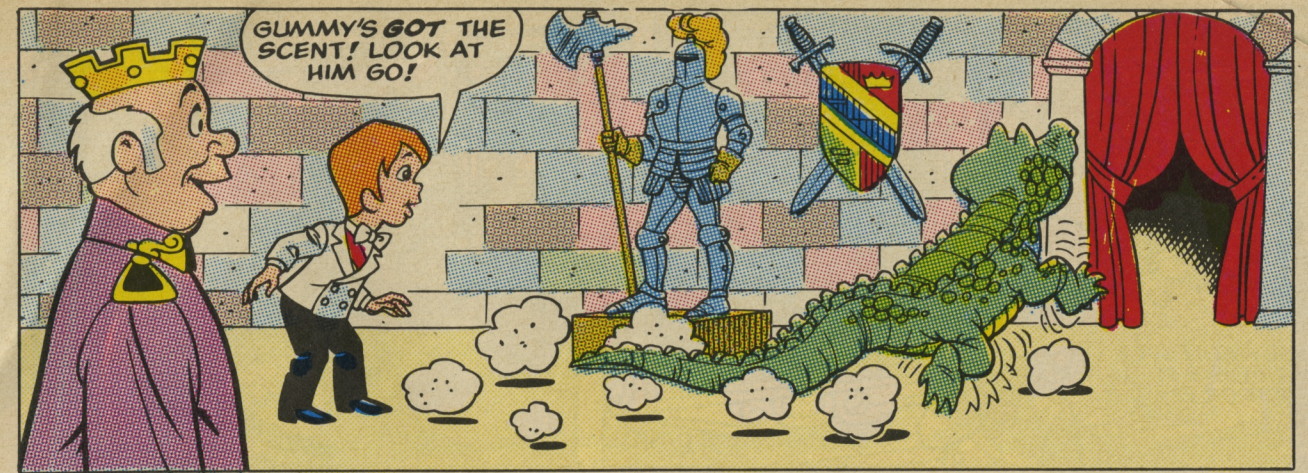
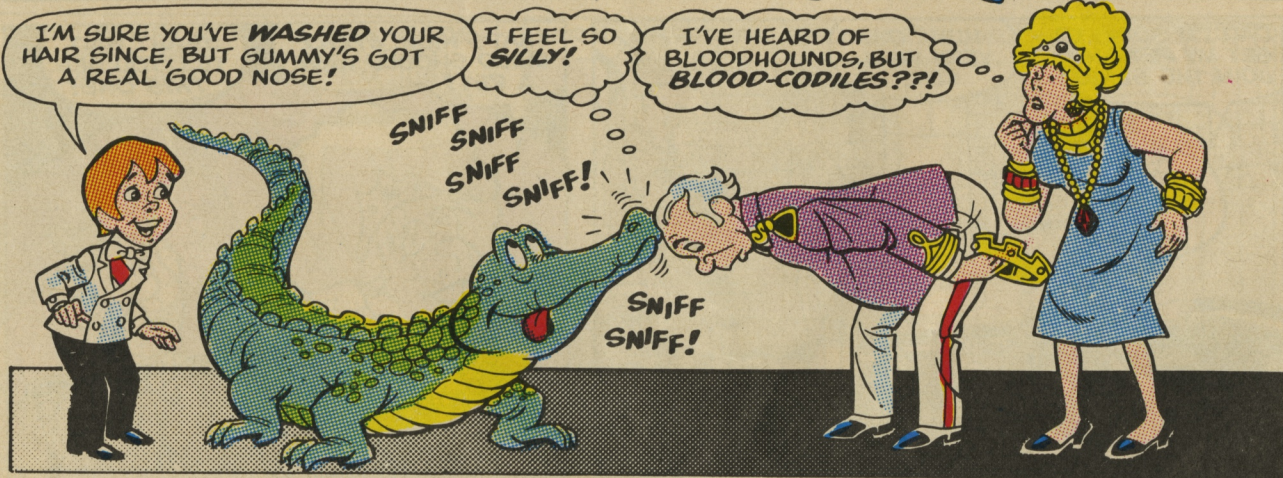
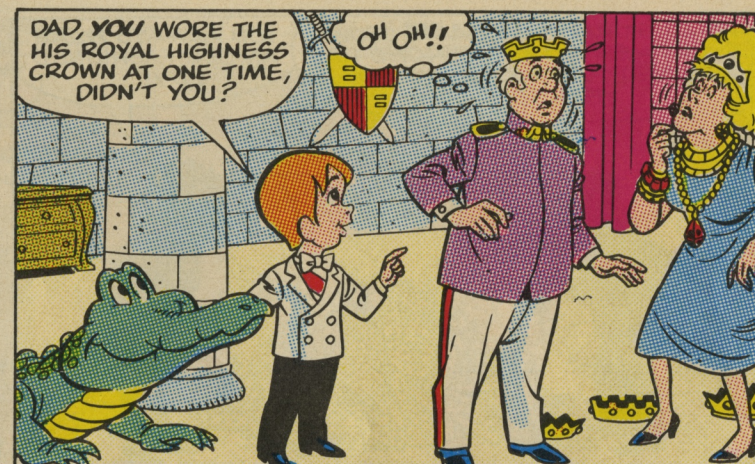
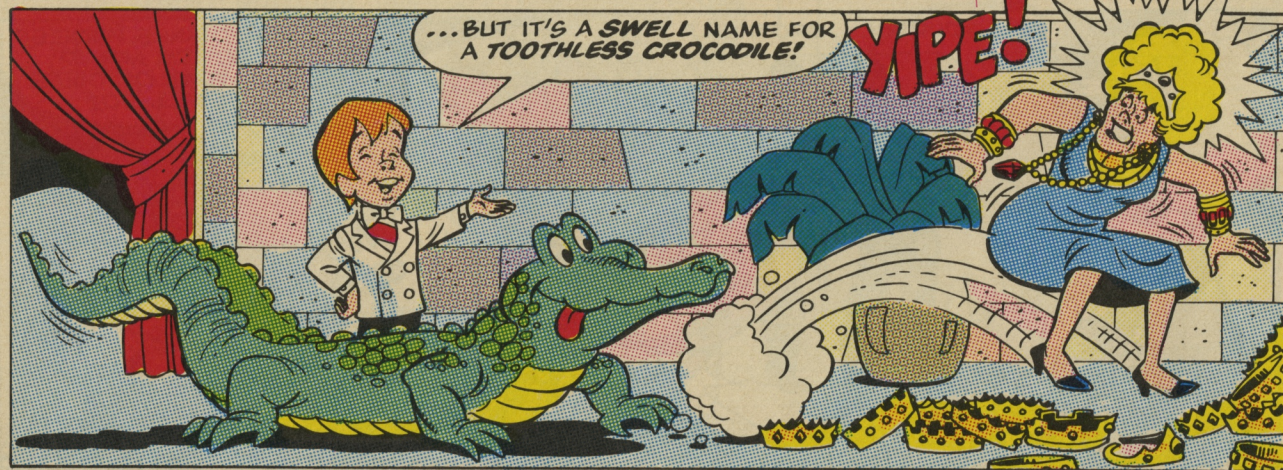
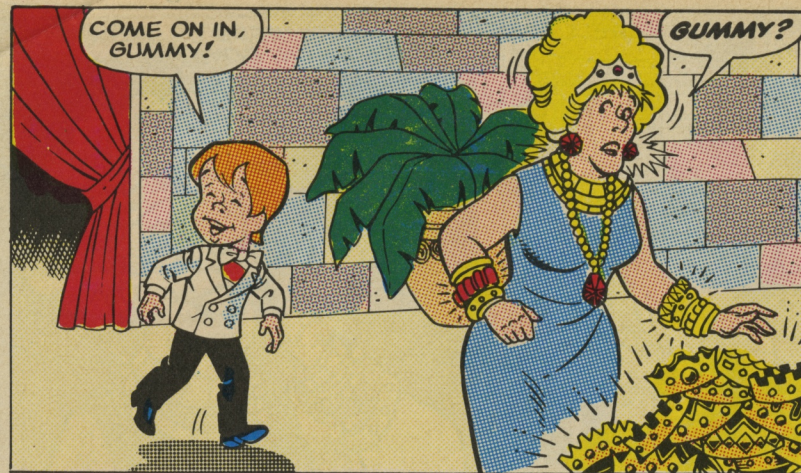
IT'S MY CROWN THAT'S MISSING AND I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING TO HELP! I SHOULD BE LOOKING, TOO!

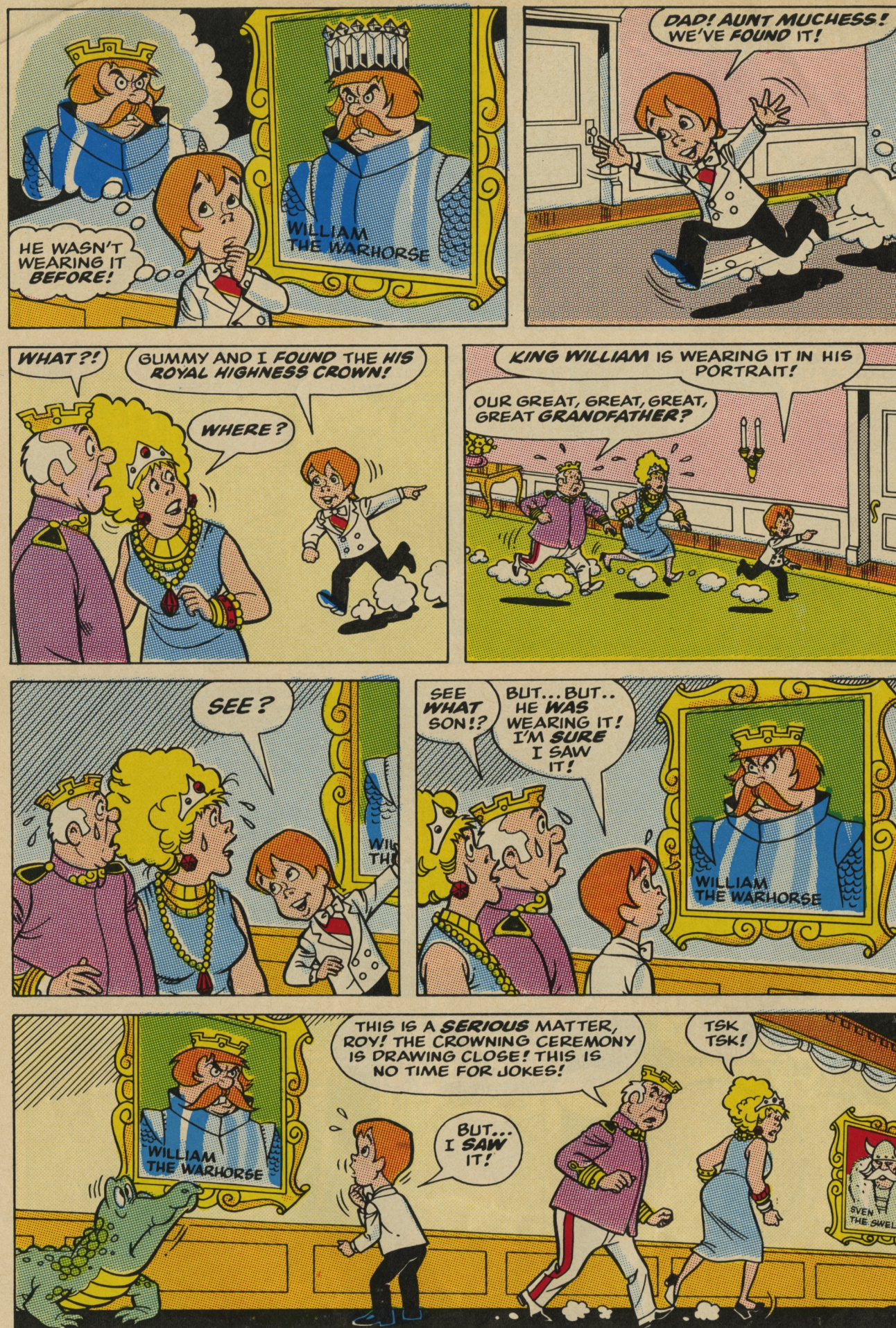
DAD, I'M GOING TO GET MY PET AND JOIN THE SEARCH!

HUH? OH, VERY WELL, ROY!

THAT'S NICE! EVERY CHILD SHOULD HAVE A PET!

YEAH? WAIT TILL YOU SEE THIS ONE!





LETTERS TO

GUMMY FOOT SWAMP

all day washing and cleaning the cat. My dog eats cat food too.

Stephanie Brookere.

And what do the goldfish think of all this, eh?

JOKES GALORE!

Doctor! Doctor! I feel like an apple!
Well, come over here, I won't bite you!

Daniel Moore

How do you cut through the waves?
With a sea saw!

Graeme Chapman

What did the boy candle say to the girl candle?
Let's go out together!

Kathryn Hazzard

PECULIAR PETS!

Dear Catchum,
I have got one cat, one dog and two goldfish. My big brother keeps worms. My dog thinks my cat is a puppy and my cat thinks that the dog is her mummy. My dog goes round

Dear Catchum,
I have got two mad cats called Tiptoes and Tuppence. Tiptoes likes to sleep on people's backs and loves to eat strawberry jam on toast, orange yoghurt and melon. Tuppence is very good at opening doors by swinging on the handle!

Rachel and Nicola Hillman.

They sound about as weird as that creepy crowd, the Get Along Gang!

RAINY DAYS!

Dear Catchum,
What do the Gang do on rainy days?

Sarah-Jane Cother.

Well, if you really want to know, they usually stay in their silly old Caboose and play all sorts of ridiculous games! Leland and I have a much better time wallowing in the Swamp, because on rainy days it's much deeper, much more slimy, much more. . . oooh!

Write to:- Mr. C. Crocodile.
Gummyfoot Swamp.
Marvel Comics.
23. Redan Place.
London W2 4SA.

BIRTHDAY PEOPLE!

SATURDAY
Daniel Puddick who will be 6, Lee Claydon who will be 10, Susan Horth who will be 8, Kirstie Scott who will also be 8, Susan Squires and her twin brother who will be 7, Caroline Land who will be 6, Clare Walker who will be 7 and happy birthday to Hannah King.

SUNDAY
Lisa-Anne Williams who will be 11, David Patterson who will be 1, and Matthew Streatfield and Katie Fanshawe who will both be 7.

MONDAY
Michelle Bullock who will be 8, David Purvis who will be 7, Aña Wilson who will be 3, Corrina Cluskey who will be 7 and Michael Conibear who will be 6.

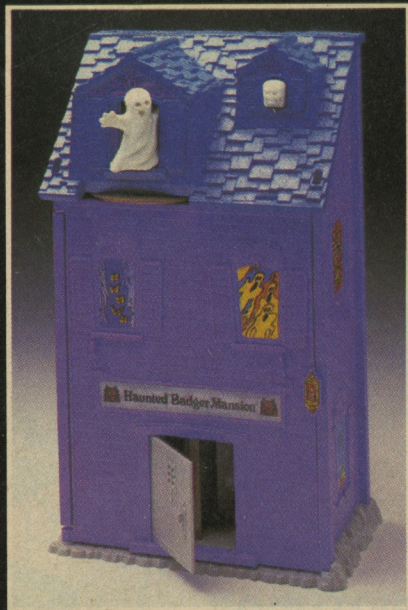
TUESDAY
Philip Warden who will be 6, Kevin Whittlesey who will be 7, Linsey Richardson who will be 11, Mark Debbage who will be 7, Timothy Feak who will be 5 and Elizabeth Russell who will be 7.

WEDNESDAY
Adam Campbell who will be 8, Steven Honeywill who will be 6, Kurt Grazer who will be 7, Sara Ann Burke who will be 3, Helen and David West's dad, Stewart, who will be 32, Roberta Vince who will be 8 and Jennifer Carter who will be 7.

THURSDAY
Amy Miles and Christopher Riley who will both be 8, and James Dawson and Claire Sanderson who will both be 7.

FRIDAY
Nuala Igoe who will be 24.

Please send birthday requests 7 weeks in advance!



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